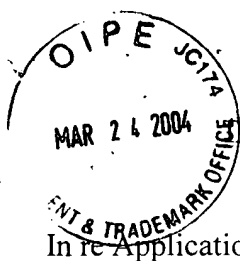


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NORTON, et al.

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BIOLEACHING

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) Examiner: Andrews, Melvyn J.
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above identified application.

- (X) No additional fee is required.
() An extension of a shortened statutory time for response under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is requested.
() A verified statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.
() is enclosed.
() is of record in this application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining after Amend.	Highest Number Paid For	Extra	RATE		Amount
				Large Entity	Small Entity	
No. of Claims in Excess of 20				18.00	9.00	
Independent Claims in Excess of 3				86.00	43.00	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims				290.00	145.00	
Extension Fee						
() One month				110.00	55.00	
() Two Months				420.00	210.00	
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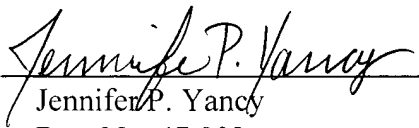
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TOTAL FEE \$

- () A check in the amount of \$___ is attached. (Check No. __)
- () Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 10-1213.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1213.
- (X) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- (X) Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action which was mailed on December 24, 2003, please amend
the above-identified application as follows: